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Crop Report for April 20, 2008

Approximately one per cent of this year's crop is seeded, according to Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture's weekly crop report.

Peas, barley, lentils and wheat were seeded during the past week in the southern region of the province. Most northern and central areas are still two to three weeks away from seeding. The effects of the weekend storm will be reported in next week's crop report as much of the precipitation fell on Sunday.

Provincially, 51 per cent of the crop, hay and pasture land is reported to have adequate topsoil moisture – with most regions reporting over 50 per cent adequate. In the southwest region however, 17 per cent of crop land and 15 per cent of hay and pasture land are reported to have adequate topsoil moisture. Areas that received snow and rain during the weekend storm are expected to report an improvement in topsoil moisture conditions next week.

Reporters indicated that farmers spent last week fixing fences, readying machinery, picking rocks, controlling gophers, applying chemicals and fertilizer, and cleaning grain.

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Seeding was underway in southern and west central areas of the province.

Central and northern areas were reporting adequate to surplus topsoil moisture conditions.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3as-east)

This past week, the southeast was warm and windy, with some showers. An average of 3 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of trace amounts reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 8 mm reported in CD 2a. Wind caused some soil erosion in the Weyburn area.

Topsoil moisture on crop land is reported as 51% adequate and 48% short or very short. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture conditions are 38% adequate and 61% short or very short. There is a need for more moisture in most areas. Dugouts are low in the Weyburn area, and there have already been some grass fires. There was a field fire east of Odessa, but damage was minimized. There is also some concerns of water shortages in the Zehner area.

One per cent of the crop has been planted in the southeast. Seeding has begun in the Gainsborough, Frobisher, Kennedy, Moosomin, Weyburn, and Minton areas, with peas, lentils, barley, and wheat being planted. Fall seeded crops are breaking dormancy in some areas.

Farmers are picking rocks, harrowing, cleaning grain, fencing, poisoning gophers, breaking grass land, fertilizing winter wheat, fertilizing hay, and applying chemical. Shortages of some canola varieties, some types of fertilizer, Edge, inoculants, and some glyphosphate products were reported. Some grasshoppers were spotted in fields in the Griffin area. Crocuses are blooming in the Tantallon area.

South western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3as-west, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest was warm and windy this past week, changing to snow by the week's end. An average of 6 mm of precipitation was reported during the past week, ranging from an average low of 2 mm reported in CD 3an, to an average high of 13 mm reported in CD 4b.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land are reported as 17% adequate, with the balance reported as short or very short. On hay and pasture land, topsoil moisture is drier, with 15% reported as adequate and the rest as short or very short. Dugouts are very low in the Bengough, Glentworth, and Assiniboia areas. Land is very dry and hard to work in many areas.

Almost 4% of the crop has been planted in the southwest. Seeding has begun in the Bengough, Viceroy, Assiniboia, Spring Valley, Coderre, Central Butte, Cadillac, Mankota, Hazenmore, Ponteix, Shaunavon, Success, Webb, Stewart Valley, Rush Lake, Gull Lake, and Maple Creek areas with peas, lentils, and cereals being planted. Fall seeded crops are starting to grow.

Farmers are poisoning gophers, feeding cows, picking rocks, fixing fences, applying herbicides, fertilizing winter wheat, cleaning seed, and harrowing. Shortages of Edge were reported.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

Weather conditions were generally warm, dry, and windy in the east central region during the past week. An average of 1 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of less than 1 mm reported in CD 5b, to an average high of 2 mm reported in CD 5a.

Two-thirds of the crop land, and 71% of the hay and pasture land are reported to have adequate topsoil moisture conditions. Between 20% and 25% of the crop, hay and pasture land are reported to be have short or very short topsoil moisture. Warmer weather is needed for pastures and hay land to grow. Water shortages are expected in the Bethune area.

Some seeding has begun in the Imperial area. Most areas expect it will be one to two weeks before much seeding takes place.

Concern has been expressed about cold damage to emerging winter wheat crops.

Farmers are getting equipment ready, picking rocks, applying fertilizer, applying herbicides, harrowing, disking, hauling grain, Feeding cattle, and cleaning seed. Edge is hard to get in some areas.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

The west central region generally saw seasonal temperatures with drying winds. Snow and blowing snow were reported at the end of the week. An average of 9 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 3 mm reported in CD 6b, to an average high of 16 mm reported in CD 7a. Most of the precipitation came in the form of snow.

Fifty-five per cent of the crop land and 68% of the hay and pasture land in the west central region are reported as having adequate topsoil moisture. Almost all of the balance falls into the short and very short categories.

There are no reports of seeding in the west central region. The snow will delay seeding by at least a week.

Farmers are harrowing, moving grain, cleaning grain, fixing equipment, picking rocks, doing spring tillage, and broadcasting fertilizer. Shortages of some canola and mustard varieties, some herbicides and seed treatments were reported. There was a bad grass fire in the Kinley area last week. Concern was expressed about death losses of calves in the weekend snow storm.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9a-east)

The northeast saw a mix of sun and cloud this past week, with some traces of snow. An average of 3 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 1 mm reported in CD 8a, to an average high of 13 mm reported in CD 9ae.

Fifty-eight per cent of the crop land and 62% of the hay and pasture land are reported to have adequate topsoil moisture, with the balance of the land having surplus topsoil moisture. This is drier than last week when over 50% of the land was reported to have surplus moisture. There has generally been good infiltration of the snow melt. Some washouts and flooding occurred in the Lake Lenore area.

It is expected to be a week or two before farmers will be on the land.

Farmers are cleaning grain, picking rocks, and hauling bales.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9a-west & 9b)

The northwest went from warm weather to a winter storm during the past week. An average of 5 mm of precipitation fell, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 6 mm reported in CD 9aw.

Seventy-two per cent of the crop land and 82% of the hay and pasture land are reported to have adequate topsoil moisture. Most of the balance of the land is reported to have surplus moisture, though 4% is reported to have short topsoil moisture. Lots of snow has fallen in the northwest, and amounts will be available in next week's report.

It is expected that it will be one to two weeks before seeding gets started in the northwest.

Farmers are picking rocks, cleaning grain and getting equipment ready. The snow storm has been hard for livestock producers calving cows.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

for the week ending April 19, 2008

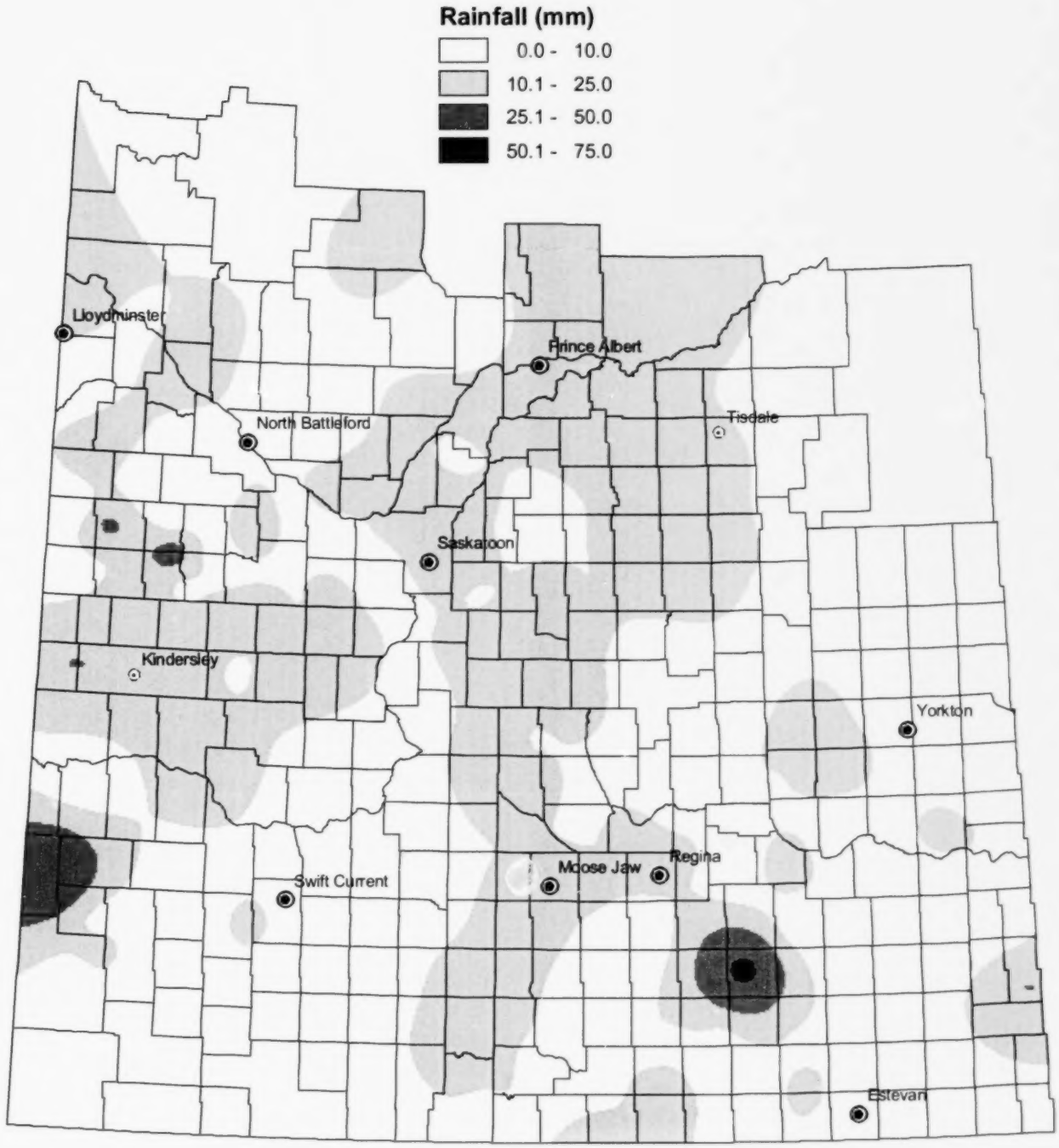
Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	1	Argyle	NIL	NIL
	3	Enniskillen	TR	1
	33 B	Moose Creek	NIL	1 *
	34	Browning	NIL	1
	64	Brock	NIL	2
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	25
	93	Wawken	NIL	1
	94	Hazelwood	NIL	TR
	95	Golden West	1	2
	121	Moosomin	NIL	NIL
	122	Martin	NIL	NIL *
	123	Silverwood	NIL	NIL
	124	Kingsley	1	2
	125	Chester	2	2 *
	151 B	Rocanville	2	8
	153	Willowdale	2	2
	154	Elcapo	1	1
	155	Wolseley	2	4
2A	36	Cymri	1	11
	66	Griffin	NIL	8
	67	Weyburn	NIL	8
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	5
	69	Norton	1	9
	96	Fillmore	2	7
	97	Wellington	2	7
2B	126	Montmartre	3	6
	127	Francis	3	8
	129	Bratt's Lake	2	5
	131	Baildon	2	10
	156 A	Indian Head	10	17
	157	South Qu'appelle	NIL	TR
	158	Edenwold	3	12
	160	Pense	5	15
	161	Moose Jaw	5	18
	191	Marquis	NIL	10
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	1	11
	38 A	Laurier	NIL	8
	38 B	Laurier	1	6
	39 A	The Gap	3	17
	39 B	The Gap	2	7
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	3	11
	40	Bengough	3	7
	42	Willow Bunch	2	10
	43 A	Old Post	1	9
	43 B	Old Post	2	9
	44	Waverley	5	11
	70	Key West	1	1
	71 A	Excel	2	9
	71 B	Excel	2	8
	72	Lake Of The Rivers	4	13
	73 A	Stonehenge	6	14
	73 B	Stonehenge	4	14
3AN	101	Terrell	2	8
	102	Lake Johnston	3	12
	103	Sutton	5	14
	132	Hillsborough	3	13
	134	Shamrock	2	9
	164	Chaplin	2	2
	194	Enfield	0	4
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	2	3
	17 B	Val Marie	2	2
	45	Mankota	3	4
	75 A	Pinto Creek	5	5
	75 B	Pinto Creek	6	6
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	NIL
	76 B	Auvergne	1	1
	78 A	Grassy Creek	4	5
	78 B	Grassy Creek	5	5
	105	Glenbain	3	3
	106	Whiska Creek	2	3
	108	Bone Creek	5	5
3BN	138	Webb	11	12
	166	Excelsior	NIL	NIL
	167	Sask. Landing	1	4
	168	Riverside	NA	60 *
	226	Victory	2	2
	228 A	Lacadena	5	9
	228 B	Lacadena	14	17
4A	49	White Valley	NIL	2
	51	Reno	5	5
	109	Carmichael	3	3
	110	Piapot	11	11
	111 A	Maple Creek	6	6
	111 B	Maple Creek	23	23
4B	139	Gull Lake	TR	TR
	141	Big Stick	6	6
	142	Enterprise	46	46
	231	Happyland	NIL	NIL
5A	183	Fertile Belt	2	12
	185	Mcleod	TR	3
	186	Abernethy	2	8
	211	Churchbridge	NIL	3
	213	Saltcoats	2	4
	216 A	Tullymet	7	13
	216 B	Tullymet	NIL	9
	241	Calder	2	2
	243	Wallace	NIL	NIL
	245 A	Garry	2	11
	245 B	Garry	NIL	21
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	4	15
	247	Kellross	2	8
	248	Touchwood	NIL	5
5B	271	Cote	NIL	2
	275	Insinger	4	12
	276	Foam Lake	1	7
	277	Emerald	1	5
	304	Buchanan	3	6
	307	Elfros	TR	6
	308	Big Quill	NIL	4
	335	Hazel Dell	NIL	NIL*
	336	Sasman	NIL	8
	337	Lakeview	NIL	14
	338	Lakeside	NIL	23
	366	Kelvington	1	6
6A	189	Lumsden	7	16
	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	8
	190 B	Dufferin	NIL	8
	190 C	Dufferin	5	11
	219 B	Longlaketon	1	6
	220	Mckillop	2	7
	221	Sarnia	1	11
	222	Craik	1	20
	251	Big Arm	NIL	13
	252	Arm River	NIL	10
	279 B	Mount Hope	NIL	5
	280	Wreford	NIL	10
	312	Morris	NIL	17
	339	Leroy	0	31
	340 A	Wolverine	NIL	12
	340 B	Wolverine	NIL	10
	341	Viscount	NIL	12
	343	Blucher	NIL	10
6B	283	Rosedale	TR	13
	284	Rudy	2	4
	285	Fertile Valley	3	14
	314	Dundurn	NIL	12
	344	Corman Park	1	10
	345	Vanscoy	3	6
	346	Perdue	13	13
	376 A	Eagle Creek	NIL	2
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	5
	403	Rosthern	6	8
7A	287	St. Andrews	14	15
	288	Pleasant Valley	8	8
	292	Milton	25	25
	317 A	Marriott	20	20
	317 B	Marriott	10	10
	318 A	Mountain View	20	22
	318 B	Mountain View	14	15
	320	Oakdale	20	23
	321	Prairiedale	6	6
7B	347 A	Biggar	10	12
	350 A	Mariposa	23	32
	350 B	Mariposa	9	9
	351	Progress	10	11
	352	Heart's Hill	6	6
	377	Glenside	1	4
	378 A	Rosemount	10	10
	378 B	Rosemount	15	20
	379	Reford	5	6
	380	Tramping Lake	NIL	2
	381	Grass Lake	26	27
	382	Eye Hill	8	9
	409	Buffalo	2	2
	410	Round Valley	NIL	NIL
8A	395	Porcupine	NIL	1
	397	Barrier Valley	0	11
	398	Pleasantdale	NIL	12
	428	Star City	TR	25
	456	Arborfield	TR	2
	457	Connaught	4	4
	487	Nipawin	TR	15
8B	369	St. Peter	TR	12
	370	Humboldt	NIL	13
	371	Bayne	NIL	6
	372	Grant	TR	10
	373	Aberdeen	14	22
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	10
	429 B	Flett's Springs	2	19
	431	St. Louis	NIL	12
9AE	488	Torch River	2	2 *
	520	Paddockwood	25	25 *
9AW	406	Mayfield	15	18
	435	Redberry	10	14
	436	Douglas	NIL	4
	463	Duck Lake	10	12
	464	Leask	4	12
	466	Meeting Lake	NIL	6
	493	Shellbrook	18	18 *
	494	Canwood	3	4
	496	Spiritwood	NIL	8
	497	Medstead	TR	5
	555	Big River	11	17
9B	438	Battle River	5	8
	440	Hillsdale	21	23
	442	Manitou Lake	2	5
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	12
	499	Mervin	13	18
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	8	14
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	3	5
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	6	22
	502	Britannia	NIL	8 *
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	2
	588 A	Meadow Lake	1	1
	588 B	Meadow Lake	2	2
	588 C	Meadow Lake	NIL	3
	588 D	Meadow Lake	NIL	NIL *

* incomplete

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

Cumulative Rainfall
From: April 1, 2008
To: April 19, 2008



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